

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 338

Introduced by Assembly Member Roger Hernández

February 13, 2015

An act to amend Section 130001 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 338, as introduced, Roger Hernández. County transportation commissions: Los Angeles County.

The County Transportation Commissions Act provides for the creation of county transportation commissions with specified powers and duties in the southern California region, including Los Angeles County. The act makes various legislative findings regarding the transportation needs of the region.

The bill would make an additional legislative finding that transportation resources should be equitably distributed within Los Angeles County.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 130001 of the Public Utilities Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 130001. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:
- 4 (a) Public demand for an efficient public transportation system
- 5 in the southern California region resulting from population sprawl,
- 6 the concentration of many transit dependent citizens in the large

1 urban areas, and increasing mobility requirements indicates a need
2 for improved, as well as more innovative, policy and
3 decisionmaking institutions to resolve these problems.

4 (b) A basic purpose of transportation policy within the region
5 should be to avoid undesirable duplication of transportation
6 services, achieve the operation of a coordinated and integrated
7 transportation system which will reduce automobile usage and
8 dependency, reduce the consumption of scarce and expensive
9 energy fuels, and reduce the levels of automobile-related air
10 pollution.

11 (c) Recognizing the scarcity of resources available for all
12 transportation development, the commissions shall give priority
13 to low-cost highway and transit improvements, and shall work
14 toward maximizing the effectiveness of existing resources available
15 to the commissions.

16 (d) Recognizing the importance of the state highway system in
17 the Los Angeles metropolitan area to bus, automobile, and freight
18 transportation, it is necessary to maintain this highway system at
19 least at its present operating standards and to increase the
20 person-moving capability of this system by such methods as
21 carpooling, improved traffic operations, exclusive busways, and
22 fringe parking facilities.

23 *(e) Recognizing the geographic diversity and transportation*
24 *needs in Los Angeles County, transportation resources should be*
25 *equitably distributed within the county.*

26 ~~(e)~~

27 (f) The transportation system should offer adequate public
28 transportation to all citizens, including those immobilized by
29 poverty, age, physical handicaps, or other reasons.

30 ~~(f)~~

31 (g) The cities and local communities acting singly or jointly
32 should be given more responsibilities for designing and providing
33 local transit services to improve the responsiveness of public transit
34 to public needs.

35 ~~(g)~~

36 (h) The transportation decisionmaking process should be
37 responsive to public values, and provide for the continuing
38 involvement of the public in the preparation, revision, and
39 discussion of transportation plans and services.

40 ~~(h)~~

1 *(i)* Transportation planning should recognize that transportation
2 systems have significant effect on the physical and socioeconomic
3 characteristics of the areas served, and emphasis should be given
4 to the protection and enhancement of the environment and the
5 restoration of blighted neighborhoods near community centers.
6 Los Angeles County, in particular, is a multicentered area with
7 diverse socioeconomic levels and travel patterns, and a majority
8 of the trips in the county are four miles or less.

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